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SUBJECT: SHAPE-EUCOM COLLOCATION

REF: BONN 5406

1. WE DISCUSSED THE STEP FORWARD IN SHAPE-EUCOM COLLOCATION REPORTED
REFTEL WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY CHIEF OF NATO AFFAIRS, ERIK BAL, WHO
SAID THAT HE COULD SPEAK FOR FOREIGN MINISTER SIMONET ON THIS
SUBJECT. SIMONET IS ON HIS WAY TO TURKEY.

2. IMMEDIATE, STRONG BELGIAN REACTION WAS TO CAUTION US THAT ANY
LEAK WOULD HAVE A SERIOUSLY ADVERSE EFFECT ON THE BELGIAN DECISION
ON COLLOCATION. WE WERE TOLD THAT ANY PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE OF THE
COLLOCATION PROPOSAL AT THIS TIME WOULD MOST LIKELY RESULT IN ITS
BEING REFUSED BY THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT. WE WERE FURTHER TOLD
THAT SUCH A REFUSAL MIGHT WELL ALSO AFFECT BELGIUM'S ATTITUDE
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ON OTHER OUTSTANDING ISSUES, SPECIFICALLY IMPROVED-HAWK AND THE
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3. WE WERE TOLD AGAIN THAT THE BELGIAN POLITICAL SYSTEM WAS
ALREADY OVERLOADED WITH POLITICO-MILITARY ISSUES AND THAT ANY LEAK
ON COLLOCATION WOULD RESULT IN "FUSES BLOWING ALL OVER THE
GOVERNMENT."

4. IN REFERENCE TO THE PROPOSED, CONTINGENCY PRESS RELEASE, WE WERE TOLD THAT SOME ELEMENTS IN THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT SAW IT AS A MEANS BY WHICH PRESSURE MIGHT BE APPLIED ON THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT TO DECIDE AFFIRMATIVELY ON COLLOCATION. SOME BELIEVE THAT IF THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT AGREES TO THE CONTINGENCY PRESS RELEASE THERE THEN WOULD BE A LEAK WHICH WOULD FORCE THE GOVERNMENT'S HAND. AT PRESENT, WE WERE TOLD, SHOULD THAT HAPPEN, THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT MIGHT BE FORCED TO REJECT THE COLLOCATION PROPOSAL.

5. COMMENT: WE RECOMMEND THAT THE FRG BE ENCOURAGED TO DELAY INFORMING THE BADEN-WURTTENBERG LAND GOVERNMENT, PREFERABLY UNTIL THE BELGIANS CAN BE PRODDED INTO GRASPING THIS NETTLE. OLSEN

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